

committees as to the school property of their respective districts.

SEC. 19. The school committee of each school district shall be a body corporate by the name and style of "The School Committee of District No. —, in the County of —," (as the case may be,) and in that name shall be capable of purchasing and holding real and personal estate, and of selling and transferring the same for school purposes, and of prosecuting and defending suit for or against the corporation. All conveyances to school committees shall be to them and their successors in office.

Shall be a body corporate.

SEC. 20. The school committee of each school district, within fifteen days after their election or appointment, shall meet at some convenient point within the school district, and organize by electing one of their number chairman, and another of their number clerk of the school committee.

Shall organize, when and how.

SEC. 21. The county board of education shall lay off their respective counties into convenient school districts, consulting, as far as practicable, the convenience of the neighborhood, and the wishes of persons interested, and disregarding the township boundaries where convenience requires it. They shall designate the districts by number, as school district No. 1, school district No. 2, in the — of —, as the case may be, and the county board of education of adjoining counties shall have power, in case of great inconvenience, to arrange for the sending of pupils to schools across the lines of such counties and provide for their payment from the fund of their school district.

County board of education, lay off their counties into convenient school districts.

Boards of adjoining counties may arrange for sending pupils across the lines.

SEC. 22. The county board of education shall consult the convenience of the white residents in settling the boundaries of districts for white schools, and of colored residents in settling boundaries for colored schools. The schools of the two races shall be separate; the districts the same or not, according to the convenience of the parties concerned. In cases where there are two sets of districts in a county they shall be designated as school

Districts for the white and colored may be the same or not, as commissioner may require.

Two sets of districts in the same county, how designated.